

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. No claims are being amended at this time. Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, and 36 are herein cancelled.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of the information disclosure statements filed on Feb. 9, 2004, March 10, 2005, May 9, 2005, and April 26, 2006.

Claims 1-36 rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,651,249, and in further view of 5,684,875 in some instances.

The Applicants are herein filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph.

The Applicants respectfully disagree that the limitations recited in these claims (e.g., wherein the file comprises at least one "rule for a spam filter" or "rule for a firewall") are not supported, as these limitations are simply specific types of files that could be used by the claimed invention. In addition, the originally filed application includes references to virus protection software applications, such as Norton Anti-Virus published by Symantec Corporation, that are designed to detect computer viruses on a computer system, and may also remove detected viruses. Common tools that can be provided in such security-centric applications include spam filters and firewalls.

However, to move this case to allowance, the Applicants are herein cancelling claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, and 36. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims, and other claims of varying scope, in one or more continuation applications. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

The Applicants believe they have addressed each and every of the Examiner's concerns. Favorable action is solicited. The Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail for quickest resolution, if there are any

remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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